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11 January 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM:

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Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: Letter to the DCI from The New York Times (U)

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1. This is to respond to your suggestion that we provide a follow-up note to the DCI regarding the 29 December letter he received from Bill Kovach of The New York Times. We have learned from the Public Affairs Division that Dave Binder of the Times contacted that office to express his appreciation for the FBIS material on Poland which he was obtaining from the State Department press room. Dale Peterson of Public Affairs suggested that Binder could express his appreciation to FBIS by writing to the DCI. (U)

2. The statement that "people at FBIS have been especially helpful and cooperative" in Kovach's letter is not really factual. We have checked our Wire Service, our Liaison Branch, our Daily Report, and the analysis and staff linguist areas, and all confirm they have received no call from, nor passed information to, Binder or anyone else at the Times during the present Polish crisis. We have had no dealings with the Times on the matter of printing our excerpts; Binder has obtained the material from the State Department's press room, as is normal, and his only contacts with the Agency on FBIS material have been with Dale Peterson and Kathy Pherson in Public Affairs. (U/AIUO)

3. FBIS has no direct contacts with the media, and inquiries are passed to Public Affairs for handling. (U/AIUO)

4. Attached is a draft note to Mr. Casey. (U)

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Attachment:
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